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## State Water Resources Control Board

### NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

#### PROPOSED APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE NORTH COAST REGION TO INCORPORATE AN ACTION PLAN FOR THE UPPER ELK RIVER SEDIMENT TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL) IN CHAPTER 4 (IMPLEMENTATION PLANS)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept comments on the proposed approval of the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board's (North Coast Water Board's) amendment of the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region (Basin Plan) to incorporate an Action Plan for the Upper Elk River Sediment TMDL (TMDL Action Plan) in Chapter 4 (Implementation Plans).

Resolution Number R1-2016-0017, the adopting resolution of the TMDL Action Plan and Basin Plan Amendment, is available online at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/pdf/2016/160512-0017\\_ElkRiverSedimentTMDL.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_decisions/adopted_orders/pdf/2016/160512-0017_ElkRiverSedimentTMDL.pdf)

The TMDL Action Plan and additional associated materials are available online at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water\\_issues/programs/tmdls/elk\\_river/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/tmdls/elk_river/)

**REQUEST NOTICE OF STATE BOARD MEETINGS.** The State Water Board will separately publish an agenda for the meeting at which it will consider adopting a resolution approving amendment of the Basin Plan to incorporate the TMDL Action Plan. Oral comments at the State Water Board meeting generally will be limited to a summary of the written comments submitted during the written comment period. Persons interested in receiving notice of the meeting at which the State Water Board will consider approving the Basin Plan amendments **must subscribe** to:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/reg1\\_subscribe.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg1_subscribe.shtml)

and select "Basin Planning." Persons who require notice by regular mail must submit such request to the North Coast Water Board contact identified below.

**SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS.** Persons interested in the Basin Plan amendment are encouraged to submit comments electronically. Comment letters **must be received by 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, January 17, 2017**. Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless the State Water Board determines otherwise. Send comments to Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the State Water Board, by email at [commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov) (**must be no more than 15 megabytes**); fax at (916) 341-5620; or mail or hand delivery at:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (mail)  
1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand delivery)

Please also indicate in the subject line, "**Comment Letter—North Coast Action Plan for Upper Elk River Sediment TMDL.**"

**REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS** (23 Cal. Code Regs., § 3779, subd. (f)).  
The State Water Board may refuse to accept any comments that do not satisfy all of the following requirements:

1. Comments must specifically address the final version of the Basin Plan amendment adopted by the North Coast Water Board.
2. If the North Coast Water Board previously responded to a similar or identical comment, the commenter must explain why and in what manner the commenter believes each of the responses provided by the North Coast Water Board to each comment was inadequate or incorrect.
3. The commenter also must include either a statement that each of the comments was timely raised before the North Coast Water Board, or an explanation of why the commenter was unable to raise the specific comment before the North Coast Water Board.

Please direct any questions about this notice to North Coast Water Board staff, Alydda Mangelsdorf, Senior Environmental Scientist [Alydda.Mangelsdorf@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Alydda.Mangelsdorf@waterboards.ca.gov); (707) 576-6735 or Lance Le, Water Resource Control Engineer [Lance.Le@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Lance.Le@waterboards.ca.gov); (707) 576-6727.

December 15, 2016  
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Date

  
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Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board